



# 2017 Conservation Film Festival

at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge



## FRIDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 pm	<p><b><i>Million Dollar Duck</i></b> Filmmaker: Brian Davis Runtime: 71 mins.</p> <p><i>The Million Dollar Duck</i> is a documentary that focuses on the strange and wonderful world of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, the only juried, art competition run by the U.S. government. This film explores the eccentric nature of the contestants who enter each year for a chance at wildlife art stardom, while also reflecting upon the history and challenges facing the continued existence of this successful conservation program.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul6NQ23x_Q8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul6NQ23x_Q8</a></p>
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## SATURDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am	<p><b><i>Video Shorts</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Monarchs: The Milkweed Mission</i></b> Filmmaker: Turk Pipkin Runtime: 9 mins.</p> <p><b><i>Magnificent Sequoia</i></b> Filmmaker: National Geographic Society Runtime: 7 mins.</p> <p><b><i>Water from Stone</i></b> Filmmaker: Ben Masters Runtime: 10 mins.</p>
10:00 am	<p><b><i>Ribbon of Sand</i></b> Filmmaker: John Grabowska Runtime: 30 mins.</p> <p>The famed Outer Banks of the Carolina coast are a slim and moving line of sand in the open Atlantic. Many travelers think they know these islands, but south of Ocracoke Inlet there rises a luminous bar of sand almost sixty miles in extent, with no roads, no bridges, no hotels: the wild, remote beaches of Cape Lookout, one of the few remaining natural barrier island systems in the world. At once an exaltation and elegy, <i>Ribbon of Sand</i> profiles this seascape and the transitory islands doomed to disappear. The film features writings by environmental pioneer Rachel Carson, interpreted by Academy Award-winner Meryl Streep.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="http://www.pbs.org/program/ribbon-of-sand/">http://www.pbs.org/program/ribbon-of-sand/</a></p>
11:00 am	<p><b><i>Super Hummingbirds!</i></b> Filmmaker: Ann Johnson Prum Runtime: 60 mins.</p> <p>With high speed camerawork and breakthrough new science, we enter the fast-paced world of hummingbirds as never before. Speed is their middle name. Their lives are moving faster than the eye can see. They possess natural born super powers that enable them to fly backwards, upside-down, and float in mid-air. And for the first time, we see them mate, lay eggs, fight, and raise families in intimate detail. They are great athletes, tender mothers, brave in combat, and up for any challenge. They are <i>Super Hummingbirds</i>, the smallest, most brilliant birds on earth.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJqhy8yubtI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJqhy8yubtI</a></p>

Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	<p><b><i>Marion Stoddart: The Work of 1000</i></b>  Filmmaker: Susan Edwards    Runtime: 30 mins.</p> <p>This 30-minute documentary film tells the inspiring story of Marion Stoddart, a citizen leader committed to a lifetime of grassroots organizing and coalition building. In the 1960s, Marion Stoddart organized a massive citizen effort to clean up the Nashua River, providing a model for effective leadership and advocacy that we can use to drive positive change in the world today. Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q3j4_HQJ4o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q3j4_HQJ4o</a></p>
1:30 pm	<p><b><i>Return of the River</i></b>  Filmmaker: John Gussman &amp; Jessica Plumb    Runtime: 70 mins.</p> <p><i>Return of the River</i> follows a group of strong-minded committed people as they attempt the impossible: to change the public opinion of a town and eventually the nation to bring a dam down. The community comes to a consensus, setting the Elwha River free and showing the way to more sustainable future. Amid grim environmental news, <i>Return of the River</i> is a film infused with hope. Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4Kbu2-NnJM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4Kbu2-NnJM</a></p>
3:00 pm	<p><b><i>Sonic Sea</i></b>  Filmmaker: Michelle Dougherty &amp; Daniel Hinerfeld    Runtime: 60 mins.</p> <p>Oceans are a sonic symphony. Sound is essential to the survival and prosperity of marine life. But man-made ocean noise is threatening this fragile world. <i>Sonic Sea</i> is about protecting life in our waters from the destructive effects of oceanic noise pollution. Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-jabL64UZE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-jabL64UZE</a></p>
4:15 pm	<p><b><i>Shored Up</i></b>  Filmmaker: Ben Kalina    Runtime: 90 mins.</p> <p><i>Shored Up</i> is a documentary that asks tough questions about our coastal communities and our relationship to the land. What will a rising sea do to our homes, our businesses, and the survival of our communities? Can we afford to pile enough sand on our shores to keep the ocean at bay? In Long Beach Island, New Jersey and the Outer Banks of North Carolina, surfers, politicians, scientists and residents are racing to answer these questions. Beach engineering has been our only approach so far, but is there something else out there to be explored? Our development of the coastlines put us in a tough predicament, and it's time to start looking for solutions. Trailer: <a href="http://shoredupmovie.com/trailer">http://shoredupmovie.com/trailer</a></p>
Dinner Break	
7:00 pm	<p><b><i>E.O. Wilson: Of Ants and Men</i></b>  Filmmaker: Shining Red Films    Runtime: 1 hr. 52 mins..</p> <p><i>EO Wilson – Of Ants and Men</i> is a two-hour film about the life and extraordinary scientific odyssey of one of America's greatest living thinkers, E.O Wilson. It is an exciting journey of ideas, but also an endearing portrait of a remarkable man; often dubbed "a Darwin for the modern day." Starting with his unusual childhood in Alabama, it chronicles the lifelong love for the natural world that led him to Harvard and the studies that would establish him as the world's foremost authority on ants. But that was just the beginning. His discovery of ant pheromones in the 1960's led him to start thinking about systems of communication in nature on a much grander scale. He was one of the first to start thinking about ecosystems, still a revolutionary concept at the time, and the ways different species fitted together inside them. His book, "Island Biogeography" and the word "biodiversity," which he coined in the 1980's, have since become the cornerstones of conservation biology, something he is very proud of. This would have been enough for most scientific careers, but there was so much more to come. Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSptkKP05zo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSptkKP05zo</a></p>

## SUNDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am	<p><b><i>Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home</i></b>  Filmmaker: Catherine Zimmerman Run Time: 90 mins.</p> <p><i>Hometown Habitat</i> features renowned entomologist Dr. Douglas Tallamy, whose research, books and lectures on the use of non-native plants in landscaping, sound the alarm about habitat and species loss. Tallamy provides the narrative thread that challenges the notion that humans are here and nature is someplace else. "It doesn't have to, and shouldn't be that way." Inspiring stories of community commitment to conservation landscaping illustrate Tallamy's vision by showing how humans and nature can co-exist with mutual benefits.  Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXbDWTfcK2s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXbDWTfcK2s</a></p>
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<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00 pm	<p><b><i>Love Thy Nature</i></b>  Filmmaker: Sylvie Rokab Runtime: 74 mins.</p> <p>An award-winning film narrated by Liam Neeson, <i>Love Thy Nature</i> shows how deeply we've lost touch with nature and takes viewers on a cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. <i>Love Thy Nature</i> shows that a renewed connection with nature is key not only to our wellbeing, but also to solving our environmental and climate crises.  Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7yljPRMZJA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7yljPRMZJA</a></p>
2:30 pm	<p><b><i>Snowbound: Animals in Winter</i></b>  Filmmaker: Gordon Buchanan Run Time: 60 mins.</p> <p>From the shelter of our homes, snow looks magical, but it's a harsh reality to many animals. Snow means freezing temperatures, which these animals must endure for many months. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan meets some of the world's most iconic snow animals across the globe, from the penguins of Antarctica to the bison of Yellowstone and the Arctic fox. Beyond the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, he encounters wolves, lynx, reindeer, polar bears, muskox, and even a woolly bear - the most miraculous, coolest Arctic caterpillar! Buchanan reveals the incredible adaptations and extraordinary strategies these animals use to survive.  Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZUngaTVY0U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZUngaTVY0U</a></p>
3:45 pm	<p><b><i>2017 Refuge Photo Contest Winners Announced!</i></b></p>

***All film screenings will take place at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge visitor center, located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, MA. All screenings are free. There is NO preregistration for this event. Spaces in the 85 seat auditorium will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The refuge phone number is (978) 465-5753.***

***Parker River web site: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker\\_river/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/)***